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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Principals, and Non-Public School Administrators

FROM: Carol L. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

DATE: October 21, 2004

SUBJECT: New Sex Education Legislation

The Michigan Department of Education would like to provide local school districts and their staff with guidance as you are working with your programs to meet the new sex education legislation (2004 PA 165 and 166) signed by the Governor on June 24, 2004. For the exact language of Michigan Compiled Laws, go to www.michiganlegislature.org. It is our hope that the following guidance will provide you with first steps we believe are critical in meeting the new legislation. These recommendations pertain to those school districts that teach reproductive health and/or sex education.

1. Reconstitute the current Sex Education Advisory Board to align with the new law by January 31, 2005. This means at least half of the members on the Sex Education Advisory Board consists of parents of students who attend a school in the district [§380.1507(5)].
2. Establish program goals and objectives for pupil knowledge and skills in accordance with the requirements of the new law [§380.1507(5a)] by January 31, 2005.
3. Review the district's current K-12 sex education curriculum recommended by the Sex Education Advisory Board and approved by the local school board of education. During the second semester, identify newly required content that is not currently taught within the curriculum and other lesson materials that may be used during instruction to meet the requirements, including videos and pamphlets [§380.1507b(2)].
4. Finalize changes and additions that need to be made to the curriculum by June 30, 2005, following the required process for adopting revisions [380.1507(6)] including two public hearings and formal school board approval. Plan to fully implement the revised curriculum at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.

It is our hope that all districts across the state begin to implement newly required curriculum components as soon as possible. We appreciate your efforts to ensure our students are receiving the most up-to-date, age appropriate, and accurate information on this important subject.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Laurie Bechhofer, HIV/Sex Education Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit at: 517-335-7252 or by email at: bechhoferl@michigan.gov.

cc: District Sex Education Supervisor
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